

REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed July 16, 2008, which has been reviewed and carefully considered. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application in view of the amendments made above and the remarks to follow are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-10 and 12-18 remain in this application, where claim 11 had been canceled by this amendment without prejudice and claims 16-18 had been added. Claims 1, 9 and 12-14 are independent.

In the Office Action, claims 9-10 and 14-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as allegedly directed to non-statutory subject matter. Without agreeing with the position forwarded in the Office Action, and in the interest of advancing prosecution, claims 9 and 14 have been amended for better form that more clearly recites statutory subject matter. It is respectfully requested that the rejection of claims 9-10 and 14-15 under 35 U.S.C. §101 has been overcome and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 1-8,


12-13 and 16-18 are allowed and that claims 9-10 and 14-15 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C.

§101. As noted above, the rejection to claims 9-10 and 14-15 under 35 U.S.C. §101 has been overcome. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claims 9-10 and 14-15 are in allowable form, and allowance thereof is respectfully requested.

In addition, Applicants deny any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the presented remarks. However, the Applicants reserve the right to submit further arguments in support of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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